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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4 to 12 are allowed.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

In item 2 of the Notice, the Examiner stated the following reason for allowance: The rejection for claims 1, 2, 4, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hadley et al. (U.S. 6,245,778) is withdrawn in view of the amendment of Q, which amendment thereby excludes Hadley et al.'s species compounds wherein Q is C(O)NR⁶, R¹ is substituted phenyl, Y is CH₂, and R² is alkyl.

In the non-final Office Action mailed January 21, 2005, claims 1, 2, 4, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hadley et al. because it was asserted that the compounds of claim 2 (columns 22-23), and the pharmaceutical compositions thereof, of Hadley et al. are encompassed by the instant claims wherein Q is NR⁶C(O), R¹ is substituted phenyl, Y is CH₂, and R² is alkyl. Applicants disagree. As Applicants pointed out previously, ¹ the compounds of Hadley et al. contain the group C(O)-N(H), whereas the Q group of original claim 1 of the present application has the reverse orientation, N(R⁶)C(O). The C(O)-N(H) group of Hadley et al. is not found in the Q of original claim 1 of the present application, and thus Hadley et al. does not anticipate claims 1, 2, 4, or 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

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¹ See Applicants paper, Amendment & Reply Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.111 sent on March 24, 2005.